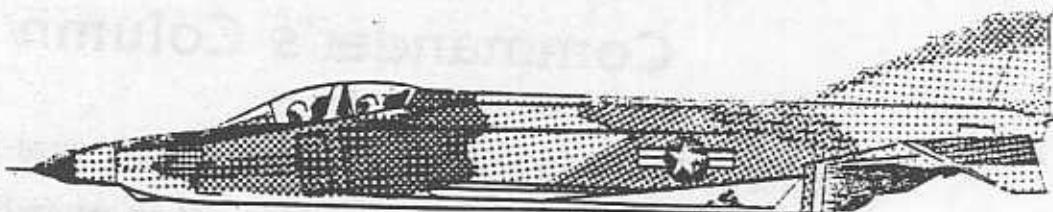




THE PHANTOM'S EYE



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Col. Yates honored- 30-year veteran retires

Amid toasts and good natured roasting Col. Douglas B. Yates, 53, bid farewell to nearly 260 individuals from the entire 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (123TRW), active duty and retired Air Force dignitaries, and civilian friends at the Galt House, Saturday evening.

Over 30 years of distinguished service had come to a close just a few short hours before on the Standiford Field Flightline. Then Maj. Gen. Paul H. Hodges, Air University vice commander, reviewed the troops and had Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, 123TRW commander, to publish the orders retiring Colonel Yates, the wing's senior air force advisor. Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley was next to General Hodges representing the Kentucky Adjutant General.

With his wife, Ann Marie, and two daughters, Dara and Dana, looking on from the side Colonel Yates told the 1100 assembled guard members, "I have always said it would be a cold day when I got out of the U.S. Air Force; that day is here (flightline temperature at 1520 hours was 40°)." And in a more serious note he stated, "I have one regret that I can't do it over again; but, if I could I'd want to do it with you (123TRW). I appreciate your hospitality."

General Hodges, a life-long personal friend, presented Colonel Yates with the Legion of Merit for the seven years of service to the 123TRW. General Bradley pinned on the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to the Air National Guard here.

The 123TRW Senior Air Force Advisor began his USAF career following graduation from Western Kentucky University as an ROTC cadet. After learning that pilots received an additional \$100 per month flight pay, he requested flight training even though he had never flown in anything before. But, after his initial orientation ride he realized this was him. Fortunately for the reconnaissance community in the years ahead that he found his particular niche early.

He completed flight school in January 1956 and advanced gunnery training in April 1956. He was then assigned to the 38th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (TRS) in Spangdahlem, Germany, flying the RF-84. His unit was transferred to Phalsbourg, France, with a new aircraft, the RF-101. He spent two years there before returning to Shaw AFB, SC.

In 1963 he was selected for a special two year assignment with the Chinese Air Force (CAF) in Taiwan as a pilot in the RF-101 and RF-104. It was to be his first experience with Southeast Asia (SEA). For his efforts he was awarded a set of CAF pilot wings (No. 264) and became one of only a few American pilots eligible to wear two sets of pilot wings.

OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION GOES EXCELLENT

After months of intense preparation the unit embarked on the employment phase of the ORI during the period October 18-24, 1984, with an overall rating of Excellent according to Inspector General, Headquarters, 12th Air Force.

The basic tasking scenario charged the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance to employ 18 RF-4C aircraft to a simulated conflict between NATO and Soviet/Warsaw Pact forces in the central European region. The unit was confronted by enemy ground conventional, chemical, and nuclear attacks. There were no air attacks due to adverse weather which made it some of the worst flying conditions for an in nearly seven years.

The initial response portion of the ORI performed last year was rated overall Outstanding. Even though the unit fell just short of continuing the highest of possible ratings the wing commander, Brig. Gen. John L. Smith expressed extreme gratitude and appreciation to the individuals who played the game to win.

Two outstanding ratings went to sortie generation effectiveness and life support operations while excellent ratings were handed down to individual sortie effectiveness, aircrew effectiveness, intelligence, combat turnaround, maintenance support, electronic warfare, combat support, security police, logistics/supply, and natural phenomena.

Commander's Column

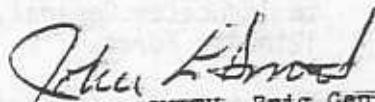
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD:

My heartiest and sincere congratulations and my personal thanks to each of you for your outstanding performance during our highly successful Operation Readiness Inspection.

You've demonstrated clearly in this very demanding evaluation that you are combat ready and more than capable of fulfilling your role as an integral part of our great nation's first line of defense.

The ORI successfully climaxes many months of intensive training which demanded and extracted from each of you your very best efforts. I share with you the great sense of pride and personal satisfaction that I know you feel.

I am proud to be associated with such an outstanding group of professional airmen. Keep up the good efforts!



JOHN L. SMITH, Brig Gen, KYANG
Commander

National Family Week



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

The annual Christmas dinner and dance will be held Saturday, December 22, at the Buechel Armory, 4815 Progress Road in Louisville.

Admission is \$25 for couples and \$12.50 for singles. Live music is featured by KESSLERS FRIENDS.

Mixed drinks will be available for 85¢ and beer is 75¢, or BYOB. Setups will be furnished FREE.

Chicken and Country Fried Steak Dinners will be served beginning at 7:30, and the dance will begin at 8:00, ending at 1:00 a.m.

So come out and bring your family and friends. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

Tickets are available from Bob Denton or Tom Downs, ext.# 490.

Yates (cont.)

Colonel Yates' SEA experience continued at PACAF Stan/Eval Group on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa as a flight examiner beginning in June 1965. It was here when he started to make some important contributions to the recce community by assisting in the development of air war tactics. Two years later he was assigned to the 7th Air Force at Ton Son Nhut, Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. During this SEA tour he flew 177 combat missions over North Vietnam.

After nearly five years in the Pacific Theater, Colonel Yates was assigned to 12th Air Force (12AF) at Bergstrom AFB, TX, as a Stan/Eval Flight Examiner. He remained at Bergstrom but moved to Operations Officer of the 12TRS in 1971.

His last overseas assignment began in 1972 at RAF Alconbury, Great Britain where he served as operations officer and commander for the 32TRS. He later moved into the deputy commander for operations and wing vice commander positions for the 10TRW at Alconbury before returning to the States in August 1977.

As the Senior Air Force Advisor, Colonel Yates was initially responsible for working with ANG groups in Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska and Kentucky plus an Arkansas recce squadron. He also served in a liaison capacity with the 12AF Inspector General.

Reflecting back he said, "When I first joined the Air Force it was more like a flying club. That is no longer the case today." (The war in Vietnam and the total force concept of the early seventies have had a direct influence, some experts reason.) When he began his 123TRW experience the ANG was going through a major transition with increased USAF responsibility for the recce segment.

Colonel Yates sought greater communication within the entire wing and started laying the groundwork for upgrading the operational readiness of the various groups. According to the Legion of Merit Citation, "Colonel Yates created an advisory team to conduct self-inspections and local operational readiness inspections and to test their combat readiness. The consistently superior ratings earned by all units reflect the success of his team."

During the Galt House recognition banquet each group within the wing echoed these sentiments from the Hustlin' Huskers of Nebraska (now a member of 9AF tactical air gained ANG units), to the High Rollers of Nevada, the Boys from Boise, and the Derby Kings of Kentucky. It didn't stop there either as General Smith, master of ceremonies, acknowledged members from the 57TRW, 9 and 12AF and the 117TRW who voiced their appreciation, too.

Messages were also received from various noted USAF/ANG leaders including Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, ANG director, and Lt. Gen. Jack Gregory, 12AF/CC.

One of the roasters was Colonel Harry Greschel (ANG Ret.) a former Western classmates of his who used to be a member of the KyANG. When Colonel Yates was given permission to make a few parting comments, he recounted a recent cross country ride with Harry's son, Lt. Brad Greschel:

Lt. Greschel: "Colonel, when did you check out in the RF-4C?"

Col. Yates: "It was in 1965, why?"

Lt. Greschel: "Oh, that's when I was in the third grade."

Yates then told the well-wishers, "It was then I knew it was time to hang it up."

Other roasters were Maj. Gens. Carl D. Clack, and Hodges and Generals Bradley and Smith and Lt. Col. John Green.

**THANKSGIVING
DAY, NOV. 22**



Time to shape up!

Physical Fitness????? Yes, that's right. The Air National Guard will begin annual physical fitness testing this summer or fall. The Air Force and other services have been conducting this testing for a number of years, but the Air Guard has been exempted until now. Fitness testing will be times for walk/run or walking distances graduated by age and sex. The Air National Guard supplement to AFR 35-11 is currently being staffed, but the proposed standards for each event are as follows:

WALK/RUN (1.5 MILES)

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
17-29	14:30	15:36
30-39	15:00	16:30
40-49	16:00	17:30
50 +	17:00	18:15

WALK ONLY (3 MILES)

<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
40:45	43:52
42:04	45:10
44:25	47:44
48:49	52:02

Don't wait until the last moment; now is the time to start a moderate exercise program so you can meet the test.

Financial planning makes good cents

Important information about Reserve Components Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP).

* Available to you upon receipt of your Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 and for Participation in the RCSBP. This is known also as the "20 year letter". But you have only 90 days from receipt of the letter to make application on DD Form 1883.

* Prior to 30 Sep 1978, you would have to wait until age 60 to participate as any other retiree. But on that date PL 95-397, Uniformed Services Survivors Benefit Amendments of 1978, for the first time allowed guardsmen and reservists the opportunity to elect survivor benefit coverage for their spouses and children when completing 20 years of service.

* Very briefly there are three options available to you:

Option A - No change from basic (previously active duty) plan. With this option you decline to make election for or against SBP coverage until age 60. But in the event of your death there would be no coverage in the years between becoming retirement eligible and attaining age 60. About a year ago a 123d C E Flt Senior Master Sergeant died having selected Option A; his widow will never receive a penny based on his earned military retirement.

Option B - First new option. A survivor annuity payable on the date you would attain age 60 if your death occurs before that date. If your death is after age 60, the annuity begins the day after your death.

Option C - Second new option as result of RCSBP. A survivor annuity payable on the day after the date of your death before or after age 60.

* But you must make a positive election in writing via DD Fm 1883. And if you do not do so within 3 months of your notification, you are presumed by Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) as having decided not to make an election.

* But be advised that your election to participate in either Option B or Option C is irrevocable as long as you have an eligible beneficiary.

* RCSBP should be a major consideration in your overall estate planning. Remember SBP is always 55% of what you choose as a "base" amount which can be your gross monthly retired pay.

* If you have questions contact Base CBPO or use the toll-free telephone number to ARPC Entitlements Branch: 1-800-525-0102, Extension 402.

LtCol Jett, ESSO
Hqs Ky ANG

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION MEETS AT FERN VALLEY: The December 7th Meeting of the Russell Dougherty AFA Chapter will feature Dr. Robert Taylor, the new dean of the University of Louisville's school of business. Taylor was the former head of the U.S. Air Force Academy's economics, geography and management department. The dinner will be held at the Fern Valley Holiday Inn. For further information contact Lt. Col. Neil Woodcock at ext 411.

Reserve Drill Pay To Increase 4% Jan. 1

PAY GRADE	UNDER 2	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	25
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-6	135.65	139.71	143.03	143.03	143.03	153.69	153.69	160.95	160.95	167.55	174.93	181.64	188.92	188.92	188.92
O-7	112.72	120.38	120.38	120.38	125.77	125.77	133.07	133.07	139.71	153.69	164.25	164.25	164.25	164.25	164.25
O-8	83.54	91.79	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	101.12	117.11	123.10	125.77	133.07	144.32	144.32
O-9	68.82	78.47	83.88	83.88	83.88	83.88	83.88	86.43	91.07	97.17	104.44	110.44	113.78	117.75	117.75
O-4	58.32	68.58	73.16	73.16	74.51	77.91	83.11	87.79	91.79	95.82	98.47	98.47	98.47	98.47	98.47
O-3	52.34	58.51	62.55	62.55	62.55	72.52	75.14	78.19	83.11	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16
O-2	45.64	49.84	52.87	52.87	52.87	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19
O-1	38.62	41.25	43.84	43.84	43.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84	48.84
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS ENLISTED OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.21	72.52	75.14	78.19	83.11	85.43	85.43	85.43	85.43	85.43	85.43	85.43
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.89	63.19	65.19	68.59	71.20	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.84	53.24	55.20	57.20	59.19	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89
ENLISTED MEMBERS															
E-6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.02	63.43	64.88	66.35	67.83	69.15	72.79	79.86	79.86
E-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.02	53.50	54.90	56.34	57.82	59.18	60.61	64.17	71.33
E-4	38.32	39.20	40.66	42.08	43.62	44.90	46.34	47.78	48.94	51.36	52.80	53.49	57.08	64.17	64.17
E-3	31.24	34.08	35.48	36.90	38.38	39.78	41.22	43.34	44.70	46.14	46.84	46.84	46.84	46.84	46.84
E-2	27.42	28.85	31.29	32.66	34.80	36.21	37.68	38.04	38.78	39.78	39.78	39.78	39.78	39.78	39.78
E-1	25.58	27.01	28.59	30.82	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03
E-1	24.10	25.41	26.44	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48	27.48
E-1	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18
E-1	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68

E-1 with less than 4 months — 19.89

Shown by grade and years of service are the new Reserve drill monthly pay rates for single two-hour drills, reflecting a four percent increase for all grades. Pay for E-1s with less than four months' service, however, will be capped at \$19.89 per two-hour drill. Reservists who drill a full two-day weekend would get four times amount shown.

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The House and Senate have passed the fiscal 1985 Defense Authorization Bill that would give military members a 4 percent pay raise and revise the Educational Benefits Program.

Once signed by President Reagan, the bill would also allow dependents of active duty members to receive dental care at military dental clinics in the continental United States, according to officials in Washington. Treatment would be on a space-available basis and begin July 1.

Specifically, the bill would give a 4 percent across-the-board raise in basic pay and separate rations to members above E-1 with more than four months' time in service. The raise would be effective Jan. 1.

Also, the bill would provide an optional educational benefit program for persons enlisting between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1988. Under the three-year test program, members who contribute \$100 per month for 12 months would receive \$10,800 in educational benefits after serving in the military for three years.

Benefits differ for reserve members and are not transferable to family members.

Active duty members eligible for the Vietnam-era GI Bill would not have to contribute to the test program, but would receive \$10,800 in educational benefits, providing they remain in the service until July, 1988. These people would also receive half of the educational entitlements earned under the Vietnam-era GI Bill. Academy and ROTC scholarship graduates would not be eligible.

The transition would become effective Jan. 1, 1990. In the interim, members eligible for the Vietnam-era GI Bill could continue to use those benefits until they expire on Dec. 31, 1989.

The Defense Authorization Bill is expected to increase the basic allowance for quarters by approximately 5 percent and set the variable housing allowance at 20 percent of the national median total housing costs for each grade.

Also, the bill would end the practice of allowing time spent in the delayed enlistment program to count toward pay for time in service. This would affect only persons enlisting after Jan. 1, 1985.

The bill will extend the selective re-enlistment bonus and enlistment bonus program until Sept. 30, 1987. Also, the SRB ceiling would be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 with the stipulation that no more than 10 percent of the bonuses paid during any fiscal year could exceed \$20,000.

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By Jack Tippit



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13 & 14 Apr 1985	19 & 20 Oct 1985
18 & 19 May 1985	23 & 24 Nov 1985
1 & 2 Jun 1985	7 & 8 Dec 1985

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED INTOXICATING LIQUOR TO A PERSON YOU BELIEVED TO BE DRUNK?

If so, you could be subjecting yourself and your employer to a fine, jail term, and civil liability.

While there is no civil damage statute (dramshop statute) in Kentucky providing for liability on the part of a person, association or corporation selling intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person, there is a criminal statute.

The criminal statute (KRS 244.080) provides, in part, that:

"No retail licensee shall sell, give away or deliver any alcoholic beverages, or procure or permit any alcoholic beverages to be sold, given away or delivered to:

- (1) A minor...
- (2) A person actually or apparently under the influence of alcoholic beverages,
- (3) An habitual drunkard...
- (4) Anyone known to the seller to have been convicted of any misdemeanor...related to the use of

alcohol, or of a felony."

The penalty for violating this statute provides, in part, that the license to sell alcoholic beverages will be revoked and for the first offense, a fine of \$100 to \$200 and/or a jail term not to exceed six months. Also, for an association or corporation, the principal officer(s) or officer responsible for the violation may be required to serve the full term (KRS 244.990).

As referenced above, there is no civil damage statute in Kentucky, however, in a 1968 Kentucky case, the court felt that there may be circumstances under which a licensee who sells alcoholic beverages may be held responsible in damages proximately resulting from sale thereof made in violation of the law. In Kentucky, the courts have severely limited the circumstances in which civil liability would attach.

In view of the recent crackdown in Kentucky on drunk drivers, we can expect the legislator will enact civil damage statutes (dramshop statutes) or the courts will expand civil liability under the present criminal statute, which has already been done by courts in several other states.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

October 30, 1984

Brigadier General John Smith
Headquarters
Kentucky Air National Guard
Shewmaker Air National Guard Base
Louisville, Kentucky 40213

Dear General Smith:

Thank you for the flight jacket and cap. It was truly a pleasure to spend an evening "Dining-In" with you and the other officers of the Kentucky National Guard.

Please convey to the members of the Air National Guard how much I appreciate their commitment to Kentucky and this country.

With warmest, best wishes

Sincerely,

Martha Layne Collins
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